The SEAL of
The Presbyterian Church in the United States

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THE picture on the front of this folder represents the seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Doubtless many of you have seen it elsewhere; for instance, on publications of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education at Richmond, Virginia. But perhaps there are some who have not examined it closely and who do not understand the meaning of it.

The Dove—Represents the Holy Spirit, in accordance with the statement of John the Baptist, in the first chapter of the Gospel according to John, the 32nd verse: "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him"; that is, upon Jesus.

The Star—Represents Christ Himself, as in Numbers 24:17, "There shall come a Star out of Jacob," and Revelation 22:16, where Jesus says, "I am . . . the bright and morning star."

The Lamp—On the right-hand section of the shield represents the Witnessing

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Church, in accordance with the statement of our Saviour to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16.) The lamp is the time-honored symbol of the Waldensian Church, in Italy, and the Latin words written below the shield give us the motto of that Church, *"Lux lucet in tenebris,"* meaning "The light shineth in the darkness."

The Burning Bush—Which has been for centuries the symbol of the Scottish Churches and other branches of the great Presbyterian family, represents the Indestructible Church. The Latin words which generally accompany this symbol, *"Nec tamen consumebatur,"* "And yet it was not consumed," are a reference to the burning bush which Moses saw at Mount Sinai, as described in the third chapter of Exodus. The reason the Church is not consumed and destroyed by opposition and persecution of the world is that God is in the midst of the Church. This was the chief lesson taught Moses by that vision of the burning bush, out of which God spoke to him.

The Laurel Wreath—At the bottom represents Victory and the Church Triumphant.

The features of this seal, therefore, are rich in Scriptural symbolism. The history of the great Church which they represent is full of stirring and inspiring proofs of the fact that our forefathers have laid to heart the lessons taught by these Scriptural symbols. As the heirs of these heroes of faith, we in this day, young and old, should endeavor constantly to emulate their virtues and do our part in our own day and generation to spread abroad that light from heaven which is the life of men.

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